Export of unmanufactured tobacco

1675. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of unmanufactured tobacco produced in India, State-wise;

(b) the total exports of unmanufactured tobacco from India during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government is encouraging export of unmanufactured tobacco from India to benefit tobacco farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The State-wise final estimates of tobacco production as reported by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation for 2005-06 are as follows:

State	Quantity in metric tons	State	Quantity in metric tons
Andhra Pradesh	198000	Meghalaya	600
Assam	400	Mizoram	400
Bihar	17300	Orissa	2700
Gujarat	113900	Rajasthan	500
Karnataka	62000	Tamil Nadu	7500
Kerala	100	Tripura	100
Madhya Pradesh	100	West Bengal	19900
Maharashtra	7000		
Uttar Pradesh	121500	TOTAL:	552000

The production of Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco as reported by the Tobacco Board in 2006-07 is as given below:

State	Quantity in metric tons
Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Maharashtra	171950
Karnataka	96980

(source:Tobacco Board)

(b) Exports of unmanufactured tobacco from India for the last 3 years are given below:

(Qty. in metric tons: Value in Rupees in crore)

Year	Quantity	Value
2004-05	138159	968.90
2005-06	142007	1027.52
2006-07	152618	1241.05

(source: Tobacco Board)

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Tobacco Board is promoting export of both unmanufactured tobacco and tobacco products through participation in fairs and exhibitions and securing market access tor Indian produce in major tobacco importing countries.

Tariff rate quota on Indian tobacco by USA

1676. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:

SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India exports unmanufactured tobacco to USA and other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof in 2006-07 and in the current financial year, so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that USA imposes Tariff Rate Quota on Indian unmanufactured tobacco;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government has raised this matter with the appropriate US agency; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure fairness to Indian farmers by removing all restrictions from the USA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Exports of Indian unmanufactured tobacco during 2006-07 and 2007-08 are given below:

Year	Quantity (in metric tons)	Value (Rupees in lakhs)
2006-07	152618	124104.91
2007-08 (April-June, 2007)	39368	33965.59

Details of imports by major importing countries of Indian unmanufactured tobacco are given below:

(Quantity in metric tons: value in Rupees in lakhs)

Sl. No	Country	2006-07		2007-08 (April to June)	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	2	34		5	6
1	Belgium	19244	19832.21	2217	2334.30
2	France	3229	1690.21	691	253.03
3	Germany	7789	7965.74	3377	3866.81
4	Netherlands	5118	5110.41	1440	1628.05
5	United Kingdom	7405	6869.27	874	937.04
6	Poland	3515	2851.06	532	549.67
7	Russia	20663	13890.42	4927	3642.72
8	Ukraine	3746	2739.5	1004	609.88